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#### Smart Transformation Advisory Council (STAC) Meeting – Dysart

09 October 2023 – Meeting 20

#### **Attendees**

Jasmine Cadd

Chris Cowan

Sgt Tim Fahey

Liz Fox

Brianna Jahnke

Glenn Kirkpatrick

Sandy Moffat

Jacqueline Smith

Seamus Taylor

Richelle Toshack

#### **Apologies**

Cherryl Perry

#### **Guests**

Rob Cocco, Regional Development Australia

#### **Secretariat**

Mitchell Innes (Facilitator)

Melanie Stott

### MEETING NOTES

- Meeting commenced at 6.08pm with apologies advised.

### MINUTES

- Minutes from Meeting 19 were moved by Chris Cowan, seconded by Sandy Moffat and approved by all.

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### COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT / ACTION LIST

- Database has reached 280 subscribers, its highest number since inception. This includes nine new subscribers from social media posts.
- Engagement highlights included a REFF meeting, the fourth and final YAC meeting and an enviroMETS update from Allan Morton.
- August's local media campaign focused on the Housing Roundtable update, while September featured the YAC's trip to Brisbane. October is featuring Innovative Futures.
- Smart Transformation's Social Tiles that are being posted on local community Facebook pages.
- Actions from previous minutes have all been acted on, with further work underway.

### ROADMAP PROJECT UPDATES

- Digital Connectivity – further progress has been made on the Moranbah tower.
- Childcare – SM said there was a board meeting last week, including discussions regarding housing and staffing integration of workforces. MI said CLA is currently looking for donations to help bring in skilled childcare workers as the relocation package costs are quite high.
- Community Skills & Training – GW3 conducted a successful Social Media Training session in September.
- Volunteering Project – draft plan to be presented to Moranbah STAC.

### YAC 2023 AND BEYOND + YOUTH 4IR SKILLS & TRAINING

- In 2023, the YAC has prioritised new Roadmap projects for development and fed into existing projects. Members toured the Sondella feedlot to see the application of new technology in the agricultural sector before travelling to Brisbane to view BMA's Remote Operating Centre, the Komatsu Innovation Hub, the Queensland Museum and the Tertiary Studies Expo. The YAC also toured the Goonyella Riverside Mine with its key focus on autonomous operations.
- MI said the YAC members are a "tremendous pathway" to their peers and are encouraged to share the information they learn with their friends.
- Schedule of four meetings per year currently includes tours of the Sondella abattoir and Goonyella Riverside Mine as well as the trip to Brisbane.
- Other opportunities on offer to students include timetabled career classes from Years 10 to 12, the QMEA program, the Bowen Basin Bright Minds, and a range of Cert courses.

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- MI asked the STAC for feedback on process and structure of the YAC for 2024 and beyond.
- CC said, “it opens their eyes up to a different future”.
- STAC members seemed generally happy with the proposed new structure of four different school-based activities.
- MI said this year we are also looking at getting parents involved.

### **DECARBONISATION SURVEY CONSULTATION – Rob Cocco, CEO Regional Development Australia Greater Whitsundays**

Rob Cocco presented to the meeting on numerous local issues and developments:

- He began by giving the STAC members a quick overview of what is happening in Regional Development across the Mackay region.
- The first item related to the Area Migration Agreement visa work which is looking at bringing skilled workers into a range of postcodes; a survey has been done of 2,500 local business in Mackay and Whitsundays with just above 10% return rate. Three local governments will provide seed funding to start program and headway is being made.
- In terms of digital connectivity, Telstra and Optus have signed a deal with Starlink to provide satellite connectivity for mobile phones.
- There is a Women in Leadership program available as well, with a new package being put together with Melissa Westcott for delivery in the Isaac region.
- Decarbonisation – discussions between businesses and government agencies are underway and the feedback is that people don’t yet understand what it means or the implications.
- Social infrastructure – the government is asking communities to prioritise social infrastructure projects with future grants available for projects identified as priorities.
- General discussion followed and STAC members agreed further survey work regarding decarbonisation was needed.

### **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH – OUTBACK FUTURES**

- Proposed scoping trip would mean the Outback Futures staff would come for a week to work out what the issues are and how they would address them.
- Trip activities will include a stakeholder forum, individual interviews, narrative issues.
- MI asked STAC members to think of who else in their community the Outback Futures staff need to talk to, and requested they make a list with contact details (*see Actions*).
- Suggested dates are 20-23 November.

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- RT said Outback Futures talk about their method of operating as ‘work in, work out’ and she thought that was a really good model and “great for consistency”.

### HOUSING UPDATE – PREPARATION FOR IRC WORKSHOP

- Letter signed at previous STAC meeting was sent to IRC; one brief meeting has been held since and IRC are looking for a date (*see Actions*).
- STAC members discussed approach to be taken and issues to be raised in IRC workshop.

### ACTIONS – DYSART

- MI to pursue date for IRC workshop to discuss Housing.
- MI to seek contact details from STAC members for Outback Futures visit, including local service providers.
- MI to confirm publicity/comms for Outback Futures visit with Outback Futures staff.
- MI to finalise date with IRC to further discuss Housing Project.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday 27 November, 6pm.

Meeting closed at 7.49pm.

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